

Houghton Department

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FREIGHT THROUGH PORTAGE LAKE OF IMMENSE VALUE

Chief Engineer Fitch Values Commerce Through Here at Over \$77,000,000.

HARBOR OF REFUGE FAVORED

Engineer Geo. H. Hanks of the Portage Lake waterways has received a copy of the report of the chief of engineers of the United States army on the Lake Superior district, in which is included Portage lake. It embodies the reports of Major Graham D. Fitch at Duluth, chief engineer of the district, on all of the harbors in the district for the fiscal year ending July 1909. Extracts are taken from the report, referring to Portage Lake.

The through commerce on Portage lake for the year had a total value of \$45,672,212, and the local commerce, goods and commodities received and shipped at Portage lake ports, totaled \$32,231,686. Major Fitch computes a saving of \$1.94 per ton, as compared with railroad charges, on the freight passing through Portage lake or received or delivered at Portage lake ports.

He commends Lily pond as a harbor of refuge and reports that as many as 46 vessels at one time have been accommodated in that harbor.

From the report the following figures showing the cost to the government of Portage lake and the canals since the purchase in 1890, are taken: Purchase and improvements, 1890-92, \$365,128.70; Improvements since purchase, \$1,340,237.58; Operating and care, \$210,267.64.

The report shows that there were no expenditures for improvements on Portage lake during the years covered by the reports. Such repairs as were made were done under operating and care expense.

Major Fitch recommends the construction of the harbor of refuge in Portage river. He again recommends the straightening of the channel of Portage river by cutting through Princess point. He recommends the deepening of the stilling basin, within the breakwater pier, at the upper canal, which improvement would be a measure of safety for vessels entering the breakwater during a storm.

The injuries sustained by the structures along the waterways were considerable in 1908. The steamer German damaged the revetment in cut 2, Portage river, but very slightly. The steamer Alcona damaged the revetment on the west side of Lily pond but it was repaired at a cost of \$16.

LOCAL MARINE NOTES.

The steamer North Sea of the Mutual line took 3,000 tons of copper out of Portage lake yesterday, from various ports. It is believed this will be the last shipment of copper by lake this season.

The steamer Mancy of the Anchor line was in port yesterday for a few hours and left again for Duluth. It is believed that yesterday marked the close of navigation through Portage lake but local vessel agents are not definite in making the statement as a boat or two may make an appearance today.

INSTALL REV. KNOWLES.

Interesting Program is Arranged for Wednesday Evening.

The formal installation of Rev. Frank P. Knowles, pastor of the Houghton Presbyterian church will take place tomorrow evening. The plans for the ceremony are complete and it is expected that it will prove a very interesting event. Rev. D. D. Stalker of Calumet, Rev. Joseph Anagnost of Calumet and Rev. M. M. Allen of Ishpeming will appear on the program.

BONDS ARE RAISED.

County Treasurer Edgar Bushnell received word this morning from Auditor General Fuller that he will be required to secure an additional bond for \$125,000. The treasurer's bond has in the past been \$50,000, and the recent increase will make it \$475,000. This matter has been under consideration for some time.

JUST A FEW DOSES END BLADDER MISERY

AND MAKE THE KIDNEYS ACT FINE AGAIN

Several Doses Regulate the Kidneys Making Backache and Bladder Trouble Vanish—No Man or Woman Who Suffers Even the Slightest Kidney or Urinary Disease Should Hesitate to Take This Treatment.

Out-of-order kidneys act fine and backache or bladder misery is relieved after a few doses of Pape's Diuretic.

Pains in the back, sides or loins, rheumatic twinges, debilitating headache, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, worn-out feeling and many other symptoms of clogged, inactive kidneys simply vanish.

Frequent, painful and uncontrollable urination due to a weak or irritable bladder is promptly overcome.

The moment you suspect any kidney, bladder or urinary disorder, or feel rheumatism coming, begin taking this harmless remedy, with the knowledge that there is no other medicine, at any

ENJOYED SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney Gave Seven-teen Concerts While Away.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert P. McKinney returned to the Soo Wednesday and have joined their son Paul at the home of Mrs. McKinney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farn on Carpio street, says the Soo News.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney have sold their ranch in Nebraska and are at liberty to trot around and over the globe at their pleasure. Since leaving the Soo a number of weeks ago they have traveled as far west as Virginia, Minnesota, and have given seventeen concerts, including engagements in the copper and iron countries of the upper peninsula and a number of places in Minnesota. The first concert was given at Ishpeming. Mrs. McKinney's former home, and the last one was at Ashland, Wisconsin. The trip has been remarkably successful and very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney expect to be in the Soo for a number of weeks and probably some time in January will be the principal attractions, at entertainments to be given in this city and the Canadian Soo. Later they will leave for their former home in Nebraska but will probably be a long while on the way as they will in a sense, perhaps, travel by "stage." That is, they plan to give about 25 concerts between here and Lomp City. They will entertain at Detroit and sing at cities and towns in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. After they close up their affairs in the Bryan state, they will probably go some place, but the destination is a matter of speculation at this time. California is wooing them and Arizona has ways that are winsome to Mr. McKinney. Soothe would be delighted to have them stay in this vicinity because they are excellent singers and extraordinarily nice people.

BETTER FOOD PRODUCTS.

Inspector Snitzer of Houghton Talks to Dealers About Renovated Butters.

Joseph Snitzer, of Houghton, the district state food inspector, has begun a campaign against the manufacturers and dealers in renovated butter. Mr. Snitzer has found that renovated butter is not being manufactured in accordance with the law, and plans prosecutions. Renovated butter and buttermine are having an increasing sale.

Mr. Snitzer Saturday talked with some of the dealers handling renovated butter, says the Ishpeming department of the Mining Journal. He recently notified the merchant that he intended to give the matter a thorough investigation, and they are satisfied at his work that he means business. They believe that his prodding will result in their securing a better grade of butter than some of the manufacturers have been sending them.

Mr. Snitzer is also inspecting the bakeries and meat markets in his district.

for some time and was recently decided. The order received is but a formal notice of the change.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL.

Sparrow-Kroll Lumber Company Desires New Hearing of Case.

The Sparrow-Kroll Lumber company this morning made application for a new trial in the case brought against that company by Joseph Ducre, which was decided in favor of the plaintiff at the September term of circuit court. A verdict was reached which gave Ducre \$3,000 damages. Judge Strover has made no decision on the application.

The action was brought by Ducre for injuries said to have been sustained at the store of the Sparrow-Kroll company at Kenton, some five years ago. The plaintiff claimed that he had been forcibly ejected from the store by one of the clerks, and that he had been struck over the head with a blunt instrument. The case was a very interesting one, and if retrial is granted it will prove even more so.

WORRY AND GET THERE.

It's fine time to say, "Don't worry." To smile and never stop; To never feel a flurry; No matter how things drop, But this is true, by gorry—The man who doesn't worry Will never reach the top.

—Joe Cone, in Boston Herald.

SIXTY-TWO LIVES LOST ON LAKES DURING SEASON

With Close of Navigation Comes the Reckoning of the Storms' Toll.

TWENTY-SIX VESSELS LOST

Navigation on the great lakes for the year 1909 has been officially closed, and within a few days the immense amount of tonnage that has traversed the inland waterways since early spring, will have sought shelter in the various lake ports.

With the end of the season comes the reckoning.

Twenty-six vessels, with a total tonnage of 30,146, and valued at over \$1,143,000 have passed out of lake history, and of those who operated these boats, 62 have perished. Twenty of the boats were steamers, thus adding to the monetary loss. Of the lives lost, 59 drowned when their vessels went to the bottom, and three were killed in an explosion.

Chief among the causes of the many losses of the last season have been fogs and collisions, the combination of which has led to many a disaster. Twenty-five collisions are recorded and at least 50 per cent. of these were caused by fog. Fire, wind and waves exacted their usual toll of money and life.

November Worst Month.

The month of November added materially to the list of losses on the lakes, eight vessels being destroyed during that time.

Every type of boat is included among the vessels lost in 1909. Steel, wooden and iron steamers and schooners that used sails and were towed, went to make up the list.

The greatest loss of life on any one vessel occurred when the steamer John R. Cowie was rammed and sunk by the steamer Isaac M. Scott, near Whitefish Point, in Lake Superior, on July 12. Fourteen men were drowned. Other large losses of life were: Steamer Adella Shores, 13 drowned; steamer Elmer Ward, 5 drowned; tug Floss, 7 drowned; barge George Stone, 7 drowned; steamer George Stone, 6 drowned.

List of Vessel Losses.

Following is a list of the vessel losses this season, together with their tonnage and value: Steamer Elmer Ward, 1,342 tons, \$25,000; barge George Nestor, 790 tons, \$12,000; steamer Russia, 1,501 tons, \$45,000; steamer Adella Shores, 734 tons, \$28,000; steamer Aurand, 3,218 tons, \$175,000; steamer Iron Age, 1,114 tons, \$25,000; steamer W. P. Thew, 207 tons, \$8,000; steamer Tempest No. 2, 369 tons, \$10,000; schooner John Schutte, 269 tons, \$2,000; steamer John R. Cowie, 4,731 tons, \$260,000; steamer Glen Ellish, 1,454 tons, \$50,000; schooner E. B. Maxwell, 227 tons, \$5,000; steamer John Priddison, Jr., 1,173 tons, \$15,000; steamer Samoa, 1,094 tons, \$40,000; steamer Montague, 1,276 tons, \$35,000; schooner Van Straubenzie, 317 tons, \$5,000; steamer George Stone, 1,841 tons, \$50,000; steamer Falcon, 845 tons, \$20,000; steamer John B. Trever, 1713 tons, \$100,000; barge Commerce, 327 tons, \$3,000; steamer Ottawa, 2,431 tons, \$130,000; steamer Louis Pailow, 366 tons, \$10,000; steamer barge Francis Hinton, 417 tons, \$15,000; steamer Rome, 1,847 tons, \$25,000; tug Ottawa, 420 tons, \$50,000.

Last year's record was: Sixteen vessels lost, valued at \$631,000 with a total tonnage of 26,250; total loss of life 33.

HOUGHTON COUNTY JAIL O. K.

This County Not Concerned in Secretary Murray's Criticism.

Conditions in many county poorhouses and jails in Michigan recall the wretched jails and almshouses of England which Dickens described, according to Secretary M. T. Murray of the state board of corrections and charities, who said today that he had submitted to the board at a meeting in Saginaw on Thursday a report which will be used as a basis for summary action against some county authorities by the board.

For fear some reformer should attempt to look into conditions in Houghton county it is well to recall that at the last meeting of the Houghton county board Mr. Murray's report on the jail and infirmary of this county was read. He advised that the accommodations at the jail be increased but commended its management and methods. He praised the juvenile court building and was especially pleased with the new county infirmary.

Secretary Murray has visited 35 counties in the northern part of the state and in many of them he found frightful conditions surrounding the care of unfortunates and children in jails and county infirmaries, as well as an utter disregard of the law governing the handling of juvenile cases. In some poorhouses sick men and women, foolish persons and young children were herded together; in others the sanitary conditions were equal to the worst that could be imagined, it is reported.

Rosemont county is said to be unsanitary in the extreme, with no provision for the classification of prisoners and no separate detention place for juveniles. One sheriff informed the state officials that he never knew of more than two quart bottles of whisky being passed into the jail in one night. The board of supervisors of this county is to be called to account sharply. The conditions of county buildings in other counties are so bad that the board will ask the local boards of health to investigate and act to relieve the situation. In one county the juvenile law has been absolutely ignored. In another county children are kept in the county house awaiting the disposal of their cases, and one lad of tender years was found

confined with older persons under environments which Sec. Murray says were extremely bad.

Some of the conditions which Sec. Murray describes will not bear repeating, and he says: "The manner in which children of a delicate age are handled in some counties is an outrage and little short of a disgrace to the county and state."

DAY OF REST AND PLEASURE

Filipinos of Both Sexes Make Sunday a Time of Enjoyment—The Market Women.

It is the women who market the produce. Early each morning long lines of these farmer wives, with great clogs in their mouths and large baskets of wares on their heads, can be seen striding along the narrow trails toward the capital city where market is held, says a Manila correspondent. Strong and happy, they wade through the streams and the mud, calling out to one another as they go, and only stopping to get a fresh light for their cigars from some one of their number or some one whom they chance to meet. Once at market they chat, smoke, laugh and barter for hours over a few small tomatoes, some green squash, a live chicken, eggs, fruit, sugar or anything they happen to have, and toward noon they straggle home, having had a good visit and sold or exchanged their wares.

Sunday is the one really strenuous day for the Filipino. It is the big market day when people come from all the surrounding country, and it is the time when cockfights are allowed. Men spend a good share of their time during the week in training their pet roosters, and on Sunday, early and late, they can be seen going to and from the pit, carrying their gamecocks under their arms.

Excitement runs high and their joyous shouts can be heard for a long way. Some women attend the fights, but most of them do the double duty of attending mass and then patronizing the market, which is just across the street from the church. All day Sunday they are active and excitable but the next day they settle back into their quiet, uneventful lives.

SUBTERFUGE NOT A SUCCESS

Crosby Doesn't Know Whether Wife Detected Trick or Really Was in Unselfish Mood.

Crosby had always been inclined to conservatism in household expenses, especially in the matter of his wife's dress bills, relates a writer in the Sunday Magazine. His wife went so far as to say that he was penurious.

She had been in need of a new box for a long time, and after she hinted that her happiness would never be quite complete till she had one, he at last consented to make the purchase. He went into a store and picked out two, one of which was a cheap imitation affair, and the other a fine expensive one.

Taking them to his office before going home, he changed the price marks, the expensive tag on the cheap box and vice versa.

His wife examined them for a long time very seriously indeed, and then said, "Now, dear, the expensive box is a beauty, and it is really very good of you to allow me this choice. Some women would take it without a word; but really I don't think we can afford the more costly one, and besides, dear, I think the cheap one the more stylish too. Why, Cros, dear, what's the matter? Are you ill?"

But dear old Cros had made his getaway into the night where he could kick himself as hard as he felt he deserved. But what he would like to know, is this: Did his wife happen on the more expensive box by pure accident, or—

A FANCIES WOMAN.

Soliman, the dreaded Turkish sultan, in 1521 was going to besiege Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, his most hostile neighbor. While slowly proceeding with his military train on the dusty highroad a woman stopped his unapproachable majesty. Bitterly she complained about the soldiers, who, during her sleep, had carried off her cattle, the sole fortune she had. "You must have fallen into a most profound sleep not to have heard the thieves at their work," said the sultan laughingly. "Yes, I slept well. I slept in confidence that your majesty is watching over the safety of your people," replied the woman.

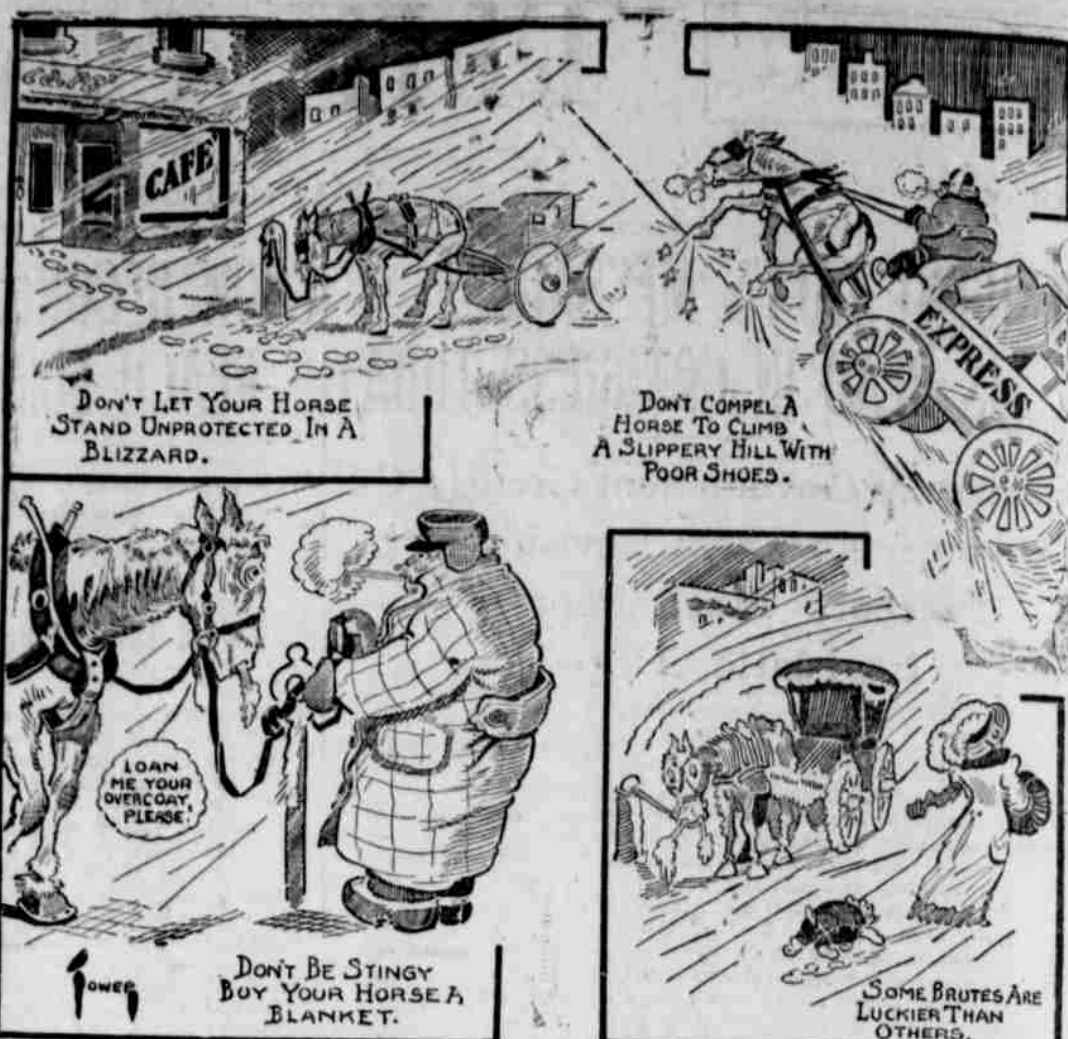
This answer, which might have cost the woman's head, pleased the sultan because of the fearless way it was said. He restored all the cattle stolen by the soldiers.

First London Square Lighted with Gas

Finsbury Square, where a fresh "lung" is being acquired for Londoners, was laid out by the younger Danie about 1777. A few years later Mrs. Burney told Dr. Johnson that she "could not live there," because of the proximity of Bedlam. The ungallant lexicographer retorted: "Nay, madam, I think a very moral use may be made of these new buildings; I would have those with heated imaginations live here, and take warning." Which, looks like a nasty knock for lady novelists. Finsbury Square was the first public place lighted with gas, though some experimental lamps had previously been displayed in front of Carlton house.—Westminster Gazette.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by Eagle drug store, Calumet, and Laurium pharmacy, Laurium.

"HORSE SENSE"



Lorimer Routs His Old Enemies

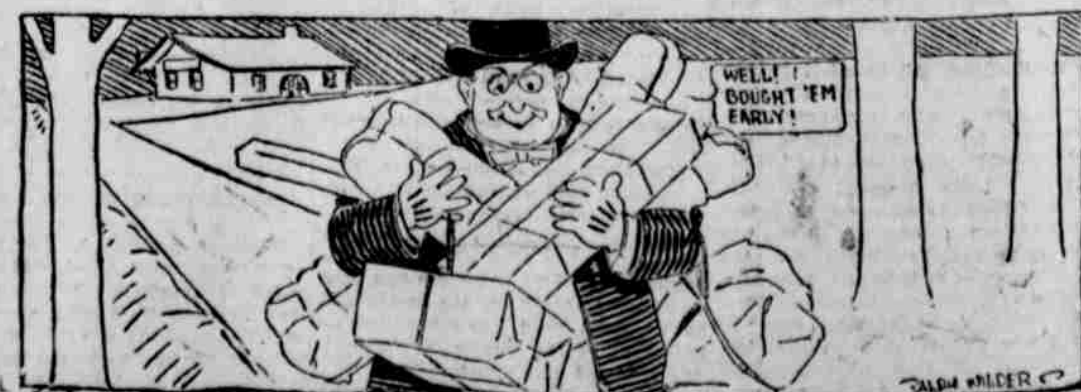


The above photographs show Benjamin S. Cable at the left, William J. Moxley at the right and Senator Lorimer below.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—United States Senator Lorimer has scored another memorable victory in the election of William J. Moxley to congress from the Sixth district and in the appointment of Benjamin S. Cable as assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

Seldom in the history of Illinois politics has there been such a strong undercurrent of vindictiveness and personal abuse. Arrayed against the Lorimer factions were practically all the newspapers of Chicago and the famous Roger Sullivan. Lorimer von heads down and in the next congress the gentleman from Illinois will be none other than the millionaire butter

maker who was backed by Lorimer and his friends.



WHAT THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS STAMP SUGGESTED